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## **CLAIMS 1-26 ARE PENDING**

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cooper et al (Cooper), US 2001/0051996, 13 December 2001.

Cooper manages media content with authentication information [0017], which is in turn managed by means of a Certification Authority (CA) [0065], a role that may be taken by virtually any entity.

As to claim 1, the CA receives information from a plurality of users [0066]; stores the information [copyright registry 234], and removes selected information on request [0069].

Alternately, the content itself is provided by a plurality of users, stored in a master database [FIG 2], and upon recognition of piracy, a user may cause the content to no longer be played [0124].

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As to claim 2, the digital identification of a user or owner is a "consumer ID", is used to verify any message from a user [0042]. Alternatively, a digital certificate may be checked to see if it is valid or invalid [0124].

As to claims 3-5, a certificate in Cooper determines validity and is clearly personal [0042].

As to claim 6, credit cards are used to charge for services [0078].

As to claim 7, Cooper is intended to be used with the Internet, which typically applies applets within the Java language.

The elements of claims 8-26 are rejected in the analysis above and these clalims are rejected on that basis.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wayne Amsbury whose telephone number is 703-305-3828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 7-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 703-308-1436. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7239 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-9700.

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